

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 7, 2005 Claims 1-29 are currently pending. Claims 6-10 are allowed. Claims 1, 6, 10-11, 16, 20-21, 28 and 29 stand objected to due to various alleged informalities. Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 20, and 21 to correct such informalities. Claims 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have cancelled claims 10, 28 and 29 without prejudice.

In addition, Claims 1, 3-5, 16-18, 21, 23-26 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kozdon et al (US Patent No. 6,456,601 B1). Claims 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Gallant et al (US Publication No. 2002/0136206 A1). Claims 2, 19-20, 22, 27, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kozdon et al (US Patent No. 6,456,601 B1) in view of Petersson (US Patent No. 6,673,003 B1).

Applicants respectfully traverse. After a careful review of the Office Action and the cited references, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 6 through 10. According to the December 7, 2005 Office Action, with respect to the heading Allowably Subject Matter, the Office Action states:

Claims 6-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest that the announcement server continuously broadcasting selected announcements to an address in a memory; announcement server communicating the plurality of addresses to the proxy; and the proxy communicates the address, associated with continuously broadcasted selected announcements, to the caller device, as specified in independent claim 6.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended the remaining Independent Claims 1, 11, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, and 27 to expressly recite such allowable subject matter. For example, Independent Claims 1 and 11 now expressly recite a method of multicasting announcements in a communication network comprising the step of "continuously broadcasting the announcement on the address" and a method of multicasting announcements comprising the step of "locating the Real Time Protocol destination address and obtaining a continuously broadcasted announcement from the Real Time Protocol destination address," respectively. The remaining amended Independent Claims 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, and 27 now recite similar limitations.

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the remarks above, the present application, including presently amended pending claims 1-9, 11-27, is in condition for allowance and solicit action to that end.

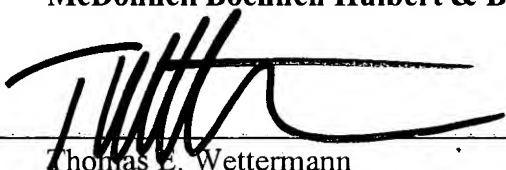
If there are any matters that may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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